

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

WREN HIGH Anderson 1

Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,702

Principal: G. Robert Binnicker Superintendent: Dr. Wayne Fowler Board Chair: Mr. Fred Alexander

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	0	0	0	0

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our Hig	Our High School High School Students L			
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Passed 2 subtests (%)	94.4%	93.9%	87.0%	88.6%	
Passed 1 subtest (%)	3.1%	3.3%	7.5%	7.0%	
Passed no subtests (%)	2.4%	2.8%	5.6%	4.4%	

ISAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011 High Schools with Students Our High School Like Ours Passage Rate 96.4% 95.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE					
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours			
Number of students	400	375			
Number of Diplomas	346	304			
Rate (%)	86.5%	80.6%			

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011						
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours				
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	95.2	83.9				
English 1	80.2	79.4				
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	83.4	81.9				
Physical Science	76.7	69.7				
US History and the Constitution	54.8	64.7				
All Tests	76.6	75.5				

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)							
South Carolina	28	45	25 2				
Nation	25	43	29 3				
Below Basic ☐ Basic	_	% Basic, Proficient, a ■ Advanced	nd Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)							
South Carolina	[30	38	25	7		
Nation		28	39	26	8		
	9	6 Below Basic	% Basic, Proficie	nt, and Advance	ed		
Below Basic	☐ Basic	☐ Proficient	Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)							
South Carolina		45	32	22	1		
Nation		38	33	28	1		
		% Below Basic	% Basic, Profici ■ Advanced	ent, and Ad	vanced		

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

WREN HIGH [Anderson 1] **SCHOOL PROFILE**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,702)				
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 1.3%	3.2%	3.4%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 95.1%	94.9%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	27.3%	Down from 28.2%	21.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	6.4%	Down from 9.8%	7.6%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	2.8%	Up from 2.7%	4.6%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.9%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.3%	Down from 12.9%	41.7%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.9%	Up from 48.8%	62.6%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	53.2%	Up from 44.1%	37.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 1.7%	1.8%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	661	Down from 727	657	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	91.2%	Up from 86.4%	83.4%	83.0%
Teachers (n=84)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 73.3%	63.0%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	84.5%	Up from 80.2%	84.2%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.6%	Up from 90.0%	88.1%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	Down from 96.9%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,871	Down 1.0%	\$47,390	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2%	Up from 0.6%	1.9%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	7.4 days	Down from 9.3 days	7.3 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.5 to 1	Up from 29.7 to 1	30.2 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 91.6%	90.0%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,643	Down 1.4%	\$6,964	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.5%	Up from 52.7%	59.4%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.5%	Down from 60.8%	61.2%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.5%	Up from 96.2%	97.0%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Excellent	Good
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	Up from 88.2%	82.4%	65.2%
* Longth of contract 405 days	•	1		

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	78	330	31
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.7%	76.0%	96.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	75.9%	83.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.7%	80.1%	80.6%

^{*}Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

By receiving the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award for the 2010-2011, Wren continues to be recognized as a school of excellence. This honor, as well as being named a Flagship School of Promise, a National Service Learning Leader School, and a Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) High School That Works Pace Setter Site, demonstrates the commitment of the faculty, staff, and students to academic success.

The Wren High School Class of 2011 consisted of 335 graduates with 89 graduates being recognized as honor graduates. Fourteen graduates also received the prestigious Certificate of Mastery. Furthermore, graduating seniors qualified for the following: Hope Scholarship (31), Life Scholarship (162), South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Award (16), Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (26). The Class of 2011 accumulated an estimated 1.4 million dollars in scholarship, and approximately 86% plan to pursue a course of postsecondary education.

Wren High School's teaching staff provides a rigorous course of study for students. Effective teaching strategies coupled with extensive tutoring enhance the academic success of all students. Classes in test-taking skills help to prepare students for the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) and for the End of Course tests. Wren's overall test scores indicate the success of these strategies. Also, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitudes Test (PSAT) is given to sophomores and juniors, enabling these students to identify areas of strength and weakness.

Implemented during the 2002-2003 school year, the Freshman Academy (FA) provides a successful transition for students entering high school. During the 2010-2011 school year, 94% of the Freshman Class passed to the tenth grade. The smaller learning environment of the FA helps to improve academic achievement by enabling students to know their teachers as well as to encourage students to become involved in student activities.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) evaluates and approves goals for the School Improvement Plan. This council indicated that Wren is making progress towards meeting the goals listed for the 2015 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Action Plan. The improvement goals include the following: 90% graduation rate in consecutive years or an average of 88 % over 5 years; increase enrollment of students in Advance Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses; an average SAT/ ACT score of 1060/23.3 while maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the test(s); 80% passage rate for all students in all subjects on the End of Course tests; improved staff development with a clear focus. G. Robert Binnicker, Principal and Angela Morris, Chair

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.